

Talking about: the Global Partnership for Education (GPE)

Talking points for a letter or meeting with your MP

This month, we are asking you to contact your MP to explain the vital importance of education for overcoming poverty, and to ask them to agree to have their name added to a joint letter from MPs, expressing their support for UK leadership and a \$500 million pledge ahead of the forthcoming GPE Financing Conference on 2 February 2018.

Please ask your MP if they will sign on to this [cross-party sign-on letter](#). If they agree, please let us know, and we will add their name to the letter alongside other MPs. We will send it to the Secretary of State nearer to the Financing Conference – though if they also want to write their own letter, that's fine too.

Please feel free to use any of the detailed information in this month's [Action Sheet](#) in your discussion with your MP. Don't worry if you can't remember it all – keep your points short and focused on your reasons for supporting the provision of education for all.

Here are some talking points you may wish to use – though **please use your own words**.

- In the UK we often take access to education for granted. But today, 264 million children and young people around the world are not in school, and millions more are in school but not learning.
- Lack of a high-quality education, especially for the poorest and for girls, is preventing millions of people around the world from escaping the cycle of poverty.
- If we don't ensure that everyone has access to a good education, we can't address pressing global issues such as gender inequality, mass migration and extremism.
- Globally, aid for education is far below what is needed.
- The Global Partnership for Education (GPE) is the world's only multilateral partnership exclusively devoted to supporting public basic education.
- GPE has a plan to get 25 million children in school over the next 3 years, which needs financial support.
- The UK has been the biggest contributor to GPE and its support must continue. The UK's contribution to GPE should be \$500 million (currently £380 million) for the period 2018-20.

You can find advice on visiting your MP in our [campaign guide](#).